THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the species introduced in the past belonged to the various genera of Acacia, tropical pines, Leucaena and Eucalyptus. These species do not deplete ground water. There is evidence that Eucalyptus actually uses less water per unit of biomass produced as compared to other tree species.

(c) All kinds of species are being planted on road sides, parks and near railway lines depending upon the site conditions.

(d) Planting of trees is done in different states based on the site requirements and there is no scheme in the Ministry for destroying the foreign planted trees and replacing them with fruit bearing trees.

Assistance for FPIs

2139. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes under which Government provide financial assistance for the development of food processing sector;

(b) the release of financial asisstance during the last five years to the above sector, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that infrascture facilities in the food processing industries is standing as an obstacle for the growth of this industry; and

(d) if so, the steps that are being taken or proposed to be taken in this direction by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provide financial assistance under the following Plan Schemes for the development of Food Processing Sector;

(i) Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishemnt/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries.

(ii) Scheme for Human Resource Development.

(iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance Codex Standards and R&D.

(iv) Scheme for Backward and Forward Integration and other Promotional Activities.

(vi) Scheme for Infrastrucutre Development.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Lack of infrastrucute facilities is one of the major constraints affecting the growth of food processing industries in the country. MFPI scheme on Infrastrucutre Development envisages financial assistance for seting up of infrastructural facilities such as food parks, value added centres, irradiation facilities, integrated cold chain, modernization of abattoirs and packaging centres.

Statement

State-wise details of financial assistance for major schemes during the period from 1998-99 to 2002-03.

(Rs in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	State	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.56
2	Andhra Pradesh	40.50	241.39	320.55	35.99	155.04
3	Assam	217.00	247.56	278.79	87.54	218.46
4	Bihar	19.00	9.78	23.77	1.00	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	2.22
6.	Goa	0.00	1.25	0.00	5.13	0.00
7	Gujarat	35.00	218.58	92.50	32.40	126.34
8	Haryana	0.00	57.50	65.00	265.40	402.50
9	Himachal Pradesh	41.15	15.75	0.00	0.00	111.36
10	Jammu & Kashmir	7.50	82.57	200.00	190.15	513.21
11.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
12.	Karnataka	77.70	204.10	68.49	578.30	47.95
13.	Kerala	297.88	334.10	233.10	344.50	389.90
14.	Madhya Pradesh	73.00	44.57	243.00	615.00	609.74
15	Maharashtra	108.67	264.65	327.23	178.16	833.28

Sl.No.	State	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
16	Manipur	34.41	59.68	334.39	232.42	342.89
17	Meghalaya	0.00	44.30	0.00	0.00	58.10
18	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.10	12.24
19	Nagaland	99.00	104.72	97.25	36.60	0.00
20	Orissa	140.40	94.61	42..50	245.16	21.58
21	Punjab	173.15	25.00	352.32	132.25	182.59
22	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	336.24
23	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20
24	Tamil Nadu	127.93	182.45	111.60	670.05	365.79
25.	Tripura	9.05	0.00	231.05	0.00	82.75
26.	Uttar Pradesh	132.57	204.73	560.13	221.62	178.77
27	Uttranchal	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.35	2.53
28.	West Bengal	493.95	252.96	236.00	127.35	367.54
	Union Territories					
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Delhi	8.00	1.07	1.00	0.00	12.00
31	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

Setting up of NIFT

2140. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up a new food research body-the National Institute of Food Technology (NIFT)-with the aim of providing cutting-edge technological intervention to the food processing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a National Institute of Food Technology & Management has been mooted. It is at preliminary stages and details have not yet been worked out.